

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
4 BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

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6 TELECONFERENCE

7
8 January 22, 2021
9 Juneau, Alaska

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12 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62,
13 Article 6, a scheduled teleconference of the Board of Examiners in Optometry was held on
14 January 22, 2021 at 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Juneau, AK
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18 **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order / Roll Call**

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20 Dr. Delzer called the special meeting to order on Thursday, January 22nd, 2021 for the Board of
21 Examiners in Optometry at 12:02 p.m.

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23 To comply with the voice roll call vote of the administrative procedures act, Dr. Delzer requested a voice
24 roll call.

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26 Board Members present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:

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28 Dr. Pamela Steffes, Sitka
29 Dr. Damien Delzer, Fairbanks
30 Mr. Eric Lingle, Juneau

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32 In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing, Department of
33 Commerce, Community and Economic Development were:

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35 Ms. Christianne Carrillo, Licensing Examiner
36 Mr. Jun Maiquis, Regulation Specialist
37 Mr. Joe Bonnell, Records and Licensing Supervisor
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39 **Agenda Item 3 – Review/Approve Meeting Agenda**

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41 The board reviewed the agenda and made no changes.

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43 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Steffes, seconded by Mr. Lingle and approved unanimously,**
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46 **RESOLVED to approve the January 22nd, 2021 agenda as presented.**
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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		

Mr. Eric Lingle	X		
Dr. Pamela Steffes	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson			
Dr. Bradley Cross			

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Dr. Bradley Cross entered the teleconference at 12:04pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Ethics Report

There were no reports.

Agenda Item 4 – Regulation Update

Publication Specialist, Mr. Jun Maiquis presented regulations from Chapter 48 that were outdated due to statutory changes and that had been cleaned up in addition to changes to 12 AAC 48.920 Prescription Requirements to the regulation project.

The board decided to strike the word “documentation” and replace it with the word “evidence” on 12 AAC 48.900(b)(2). There were no further discussions.

**On a motion duly made by Dr. Steffes, seconded by Dr. Cross and approved unanimously, it was:
RESOLVED to approve the changes on 12 AAC the changes on 12 AAC
48.920(b)(2) as amended.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Mr. Eric Lingle	X		
Dr. Pamela Steffes	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson			
Dr. Bradley Cross	X		

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**On a motion duly made by Dr. Steffes, seconded by Mr. Lingle and approved unanimously,
it was:
RESOLVED to approve the entire regulation project as amended and to be sent out
for public comment.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. Damien Delzer	X		
Mr. Eric Lingle	X		
Dr. Pamela Steffes	X		
Dr. Erik Christianson			
Dr. Bradley Cross	X		

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Mr. Maiquis left the room at 12:17pm.

Agenda Item 5 – 10 Hours Restriction on Online CEs.

83 The board discussed the need to create an emergency regulation project to allow for COPE online classes
84 to be considered as live CE's due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The board discussed that the acceptance of
85 interactive COPE credits that should not count against the 10-hour online limit due to the circumstances.
86 *Mr. Bonnell entered the teleconference at 12:24pm.*
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88 Mr. Bonnell was tasked to discuss the board's options with Law and for Ms. Carrillo to relay the
89 information back to the board.
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91 The board planned to create an emergency meeting in the future.
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93 **Agenda Item 6- Audit Update**
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95 The board had a question about 4 licensees who are pending in their audits from the last licensing period.
96 Mr. Bonnell clarified that they would be sent to the paralegal, Ms. Marilyn Zimmerman moving forward.
97 Ms. Zimmerman will contact them and consent agreements will be created for the board to discuss to
98 accept or reject at a later date.
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100 Mr. Bonnell and Ms. Carrillo were tasked to search for the approved penalty matrix for auditing and to
101 send the 4 incomplete licensee audits to the paralegal.
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103 **Agenda Item 6 – Adjourn**
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105 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Lingle, seconded by Dr. Steffes, and with unanimous approval it**
106 **was:**

107 **RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.**
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109 Dr. Delzer called for the board meeting for 1.22.2021 to be adjourned at 12:53 p.m.
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113 Respectfully Submitted:

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116 On behalf of Christianne Carrillo, Licensing Examiner

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Dr. Damien Delzer, OD- Chairperson
122 Alaska Board of Examiners in Optometry
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